

County of Placer

Fish and Game Commission

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District 1 – Don Gould

District 5 – Kari Freidig

District 2 – Mark Fowler

District 3 – Jim Victorine

District 5 – Scott Husmann

District 4 – Gary Flanagan

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 6:00 P.M. Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA County Contact: Ed King

- **1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Scott Husmann.
- **2. Roll Call Present:** Jim Victorine, Kari Freidig, Mickey Daniels, Scott Husmann, Gary Flanagan. **Absent:** Mark Fowler, Don Gould.
- **3.** Approval of April 25, 2018 Agenda & March 28, 2018 Minutes. Approval of the April 25th Agenda was moved by Flanagan and seconded by Victorine, MPUV. The approval of the minutes of March 28 were moved by Victorine and seconded by Daniels, MPUV.
- 4. Public Comment: Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment.

Leslie Warren asked the commission if they would be commenting on the Placer County Sustainability Plan.

5. Financial Report

Operational expenditures through March totaled \$3,816. Court fines and penalty assessments through March totaled \$355.

6. Agency Reports

A. Commissioner Reports

- Jim mentioned observing foxes in the wild lunching on two of his chickens was wondering if they were the grey fox or Sierra red fox?
- Gary is working on getting additional fish plants in Placer County like they have in Sacramento County. He met with Richard Munoz who is the person in charge of CDFW's 'Fishing in the City' program and showed him Auburn Regional Park (along with Kahl Muscot of ARD), Meadow Vista Park, Lake Theodore and Coyote Park (overgrown with Mexican Mosquito fern). Kahl is interested in working directly with Richard Munoz to get frequent fish plants. There is a possibility of catfish plants also. Scott suggested Todd Valley Pond as another possible location for future plants.
- Mickey reported attending a CDFW public meeting in Truckee. CDFW was soliciting comments on the statewide management of trout. Mickey

- also reported that UC Davis researchers have a grant to survey shrimp in Emerald Bay.
- Scott plans to attend the Tahoe National Forest Motorized Over-Snow Travel
 Plan public meeting which will be held on May 2 in Auburn at the Holiday Inn.
- B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee None.
- C. Land Use Subcommittee: Scott Husmann reported on eight projects: Northshore gas station at Kings Beach (revision of previous plan); Creekside Lane (subdivide land), 15 acre division into 3 parcels; Athens Event Center (Sports Complex); dividing 14 acres into 3 off of Wise Road; commercial building in Applegate; Kamps Propane looking to expand; Foresthill Racing to construct 102 unit campground on top of ridge (asked Forest Service Biologist - no impact foreseen); Foxhill Lane subdivision of 35 acres to 7 lots in Newcastle (2,000 feet of creekside which might be worthy of more study).
- **D. Department of Fish & Wildlife:** Lt. Brian Moore not in attendance
- E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

NID: Storage = 255,660 AF; 131% of average; 95% of capacity Precipitation at Bowman = 66.03"; 104% of average March and April have both been above average in precipitation and have brought the total to date close to the seasonal total of 69.64" at Bowman. The snow pack water content peaked at 65% of average with 22" of water content. Overall all reservoirs should nearly fill and carryover storage at the end of the irrigation season will be above average.

PCWA: Precipitation and storage as of April 17:

- Water year 2018 cumulative precipitation at Lake Spaulding 66.5" = 102% of average
- American River Basin Snow Index was 10.6" = 42% of average
- Middle Fork combined storage totaled 274,300 AF, which is 130% of average and 80% of total capacity
- Folsom Lake storage totaled 784,600 AF, which is 117% of average and 80% of total capacity.

7. Informational Items

Gregg McKenzie, Placer County Conservation Plan Administrator – Placer County Conservation Plan Update.

Gregg is a 5th generation Placer County resident and assumed PCCP administration duties to see it through the public review and implementation processes; he is a former Fish and Game Commissioner. He showed a PCCP video to acquaint people

with the Program which streamlines the development permitting process with the various County, State and Federal regulatory agencies while also coordinating well-considered conservation efforts. The Program will also set aside 47,000 acres in a reserve system for agriculture and sensitive species protection while concentrating development in designated areas. The Program conservers lands into a more integrated system that avoids isolated islands of set-aside space where species cannot move in a natural way. The goal is to geographically link preserves. The plan has been in development for the last 18 years with this strategy in mind. It has taken this long to get approval from State and Federal agencies. During plan development 32 species were reviewed and upon implementation will provide regulatory coverage for 14 threatened, endangered and special species of concern. To date development of the program has cost \$14M.

PCCP covers 269,000 acres of Western Placer County; the Environmental Impact documents should be ready for 60 day public review in the Summer/Fall of 2018. There will be online meetings available for public education. The eastern part of Placer County will not be addressed at this time. The cities of Auburn, Rocklin and Roseville are not participating.

Individual property owners can still choose to develop their own property as per existing zoning laws. Developers will pay for about seventy-seven percent of the PCCP through fees. These fees will be used to acquire land for conservation and monitor and maintain properties to ensure conservation efforts are indeed working as intended. An endowment will be established to fund maintenance of PCCP reserve lands.

Kari is concerned that this is just a red-carpet for developers. Gregg explained that long-range planning for development is the goal, and the coordinated efforts should benefit Placer County in the long run.

There are non-listed species present in the county which are not covered under PCCP permits.

Kari asked how the commission may participate in the fee dispersal that developers will pay. Gregg mentioned that they are still working on this, and will come before this body to consult.

Scott asked which other counties have similar conservation plans? San Diego, Riverside, Eastern Bay Area and Contra Costa County are doing this and can educate Placer County as to fees, planning, mitigation, etc.

PlacerPCCP.com is now available for more information.

Leslie Warren, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Environmental Leadership, Former Placer County Planning Commissioner, Founding member of Placer County Land Trust and the Placer Nature Center, member of the Audubon Society – Sunset Area Plan Concerns.

Leslie and the Alliance for Environmental Leadership are concerned with the development of the Sunset Industrial Area and how it impacts the PCCP with the County as the primary applicant and the body that will approve the EIR. She is asking that the commission request a 120 day review period for the Sunset Area Plan due to the scope of the project. She is especially concerned with the Pacific Fly-Over zone and how this will be impacted with the loss of habitat in Western Placer County. She presented a letter from Don Ribbons from the Audubon Society listing significant issues.

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. The next meeting will be May 23, 2018.